

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC)
June 22, 2015**

Held at the
Garvey Center
9108 Garvey Avenue
Rosemead, CA 91770

And via conference call:
Orange County Public Works Department
2301 N. Glassell Street, Orange, CA 92865
And
California Natural Resources Agency
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311-Conference Room 1306
Sacramento, CA 95814

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Colonna called the meeting to order at approximately 3:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Frank Colonna, Chair	
Mr. Dan Arrighi, Vice Chair	Ms. Marilyn Thoms (for Mr. Silsby)
Mr. Denis Bertone	Mr. Armond Ghazarian (for Ms. Gail Farber)
Ms. Margaret Clark	Mr. Dan Sulzer (for Colonel Colloton)
Ms. Eraina Ortega (Ms. Matosantos)	Mr. Stan Chen (for Mr. Johnson)
Mr. Jon Bishop (for Mr. Rodriguez)	Mr. John Donnelly
Ms. Janet Chin (for Supervisor Solis)	

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Troy Edgar
Mr. Randy Moore
Ms. Lisa Mangat
Mr. Bryan Cash (for Secretary Laird)

STAFF PRESENT

Mark Stanley, Executive Officer
Valerie Thompson, Executive Secretary
Terry Fujimoto, Deputy Attorney General
Alicia Sandoval, Accounting/Fiscal Analyst

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were forthcoming.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no corrections noted.

Mr. Bertone motioned to approve the minutes; Ms. Clark seconded the motion. Minutes unanimously approved. Roll call vote: Ayes = 4; Nays = 0; Abstention = 2.

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

No report was given.

6. DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT

No report was given.

7. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS

A. LEGISLATIVE

The Executive Officer presented an overview and update on several state legislative initiatives and how they relate to the RMC which included SB 760 (Mendoza), SB 355 (Lara), SB 317 (De Leon), and AB 530 (Rendon). Mr. Stanley reported that the grant guidelines are currently being reviewed by the California Natural Resources Agency and that staff anticipates holding public meetings in late July 2015. There was discussion regarding the guideline process and AB 1077. Mr. Stanley announced that he has been appointed to the Los Angeles River Revitalization Governing Board of Directors.

B. CAPITAL OUTLAY AND SUPPORT BUDGET

The Executive Officer reported that there has not been much movement since the last Board meeting in May, and noted that there are five projects pending encumbrance. Mr. Stanley referred the Board to the Advance Funds, Support and Operations, and Contracts reports that were included in the staff report and provided a brief overview of each report.

C. CUMULATIVE GRANT PROJECT STATUS SUMMARY

The Executive Officer reported no changes since the last Board meeting in May, and noted that there are 30 active projects and 166 completed projects.

D. PROJECT AND LIAISON ACTIVITIES

The Executive Officer gave an update on the Azusa Geology Park, Coyote Creek-Los Alamitos Improvement Project, the Azusa River Wilderness Park, Emerald Necklace, and Los Cerritos Wetlands activities.

REGULAR CALENDAR

8. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY FINAL FY 2015/16 BUDGET.

The Executive Officer gave an overview of the requirements for RMC approval of the budget, and summarized each budget item which included administrative, personnel, operations, and capital outlay-grants and special projects.

Mr. Bertone motioned to approve the resolution; Mr. Bishop seconded the motion. Unanimously approved. Roll Call Vote – Ayes =9; Nays = 0; 0 abstentions.

9. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT AMENDMENT TO CAMP FIRE OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA METROPOLITAN FOR THE CAMP SHIWAKA URBAN FOREST AND DISCOVERY TRAIL (RMC13005).

Alicia Sandoval, Accounting Specialist, reported that the request for an amendment is to revise the scope of work, augment the budget and extend the timeline. She pointed out that the request includes additional funding in the amount of \$300,000 for a total grant amount not to exceed \$678,000, and extend the timeline until December 2016. Mr. Stanley added that the total scope of work is \$1.5 million and includes additional funding provided by L.A. County Regional Park and Open Space and Campfire. Chair Colonna mentioned that this is a phenomenal project and is a great benefit to children from many areas. Phil Hester, Camp Fire Board Member, introduced several officers of Camp Fire and gave an overview of Camp Fire, and provided the Board with photographs and Camp Fire literature.

Ms. Clark motioned to approve the resolution; Mr. Uranga seconded the motion. Unanimously approved. Roll Call Vote – Ayes =9; Nays = 0; 0 abstentions.

10. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT TO THE ANTELOPE VALLEY CONSERVANCY FOR THE RIFT ZONE WETLANDS COMPLEX CONCEPTUAL AREA PRESERVATION PLAN (RMC15108).

Ms. Sandoval explained that staff is requesting to award a grant to Antelope Valley Conservancy (AVC) in the amount of \$29,489 for the Rift Zone Wetlands Complex Conceptual Area Preservation Plan (CAPP). She further explained that the funds would be used by AVC for the development of the Rift Zone Wetlands Complex CAPP and successfully carry it forward for approval by the CA Department of Fish and Wildlife which would position the land within the CAPP for possible acquisition funding from the Wildlife Conservation Board. The Executive Officer explained that while the Antelope Valley is not a State conservancy, this gives the RMC an opportunity to provide resources throughout that part of the Conservancy's territory. Ms. Clark requested clarification of the rift zone, and Ms. Wendy Reed, Administrator/CFO of AVC, provided a detailed overview and description of the rift zone, and explained the CAPP process.

Mr. Bertone motioned to approve the resolution; Mr. Marquez seconded the motion. Unanimously approved. Roll Call Vote – Ayes =9; Nays = 0; 0 abstentions.

11. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

There was brief discussion regarding the water bond and grant guidelines.

12. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be held on July 27, 2015 in the City of Bellflower.

13. ADJOURNMENT UPON COMPLETION OF BUSINESS

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Colonna at approximately 3:52 p.m.